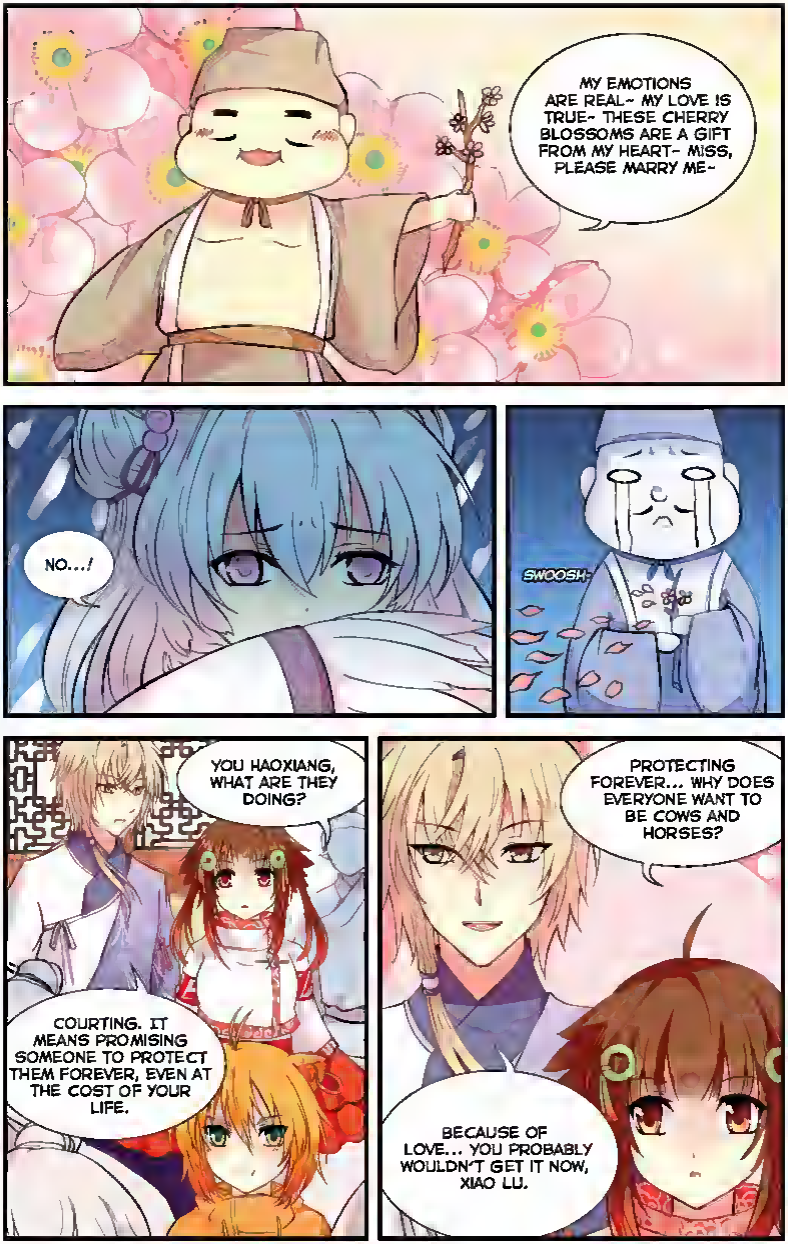
CHAPTER 4:
THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A TOAD WHO WILL WANT A TASTE OF SWAN MEAT


MY EMOTIONS ARE REAL~ MY LOVE IS TRUE~ THESE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE A GIFT FROM MY HEART~ MISS, PLEASE MARRY ME~
NO...!
SWOOSH
YOU HAOXIANG, WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
COURTING. IT MEANS PROMISING SOMEONE TO PROTECT THEM FOREVER, EVEN AT THE COST OF YOUR LIFE.
PROTECTING FOREVER... WHY DOES EVERYONE WANT TO BE COWS AND HORSES?
BECAUSE OF LOVE... YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T GET IT NOW, XIAO LU.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I...
WHAT IS HE DOING?!
BE CAREFUL... IT'S A SPELL!
BREATHE
OHHH~ HE'S AMAZING!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
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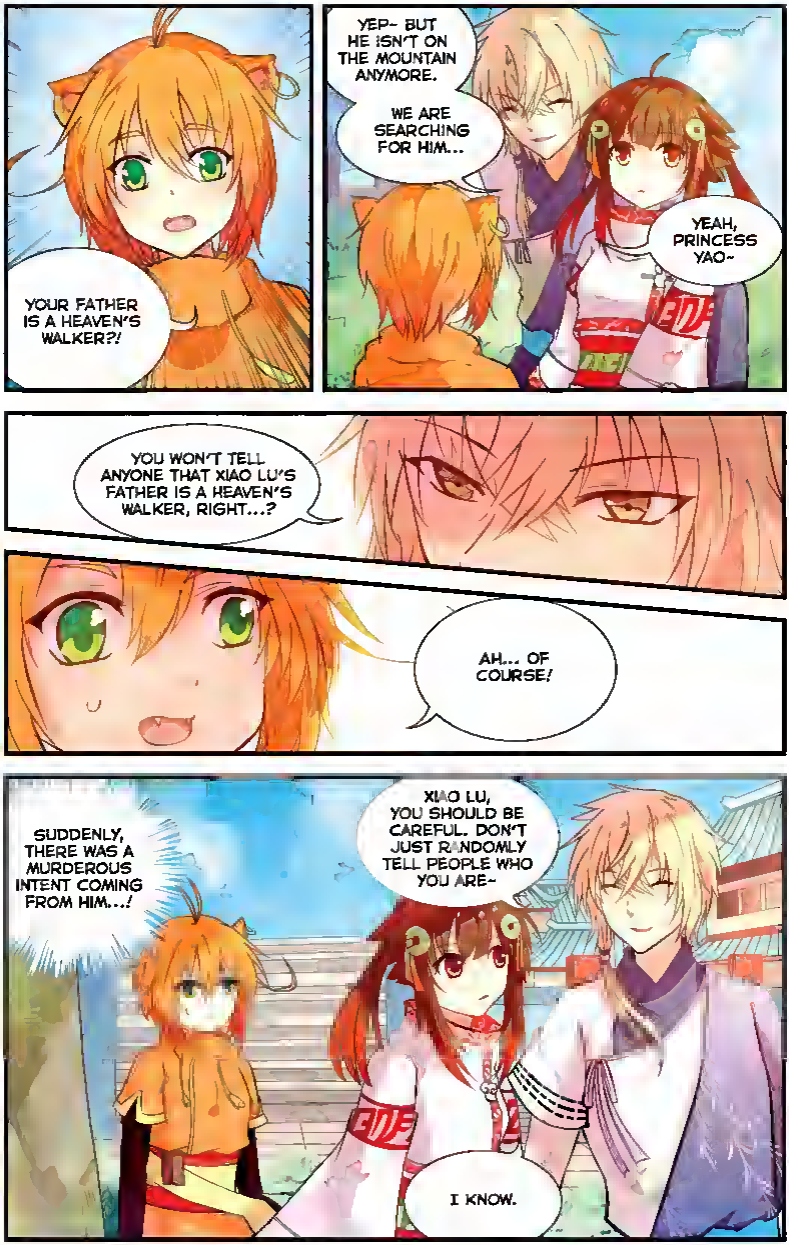
LOOKS LIKE IT'S A FAILURE THIS TIME TOO.
YEAH, THE HEART ISN'T BAD BUT THE CASTER IS UGLY~
EXCUSE ME, WE'RE NOT FROM AROUND..... THEY ARE?
THAT BEAUTIFUL GIRL IS THE PROFESSIONAL SINGER XIAO É, UNFORTUNATELY THIS UGLY DUDE KEEPS CLINGING ONTO HER...
HE CAME FROM FAR AWAY, TRYING TO FIND THE HEAVEN'S WALKERS AND STUFF.
HOW STUPID! HEAVEN'S WALKERS IS JUST A RUMOUR SOME DEMON UP THE MOUNTAIN MADE UP! TO FOOL IDIOTS!
I KNOW ~ A BUNCH OF IDIOTS -
HAHAHAHA ~~
AHHH! WHY IS MY HAIR ON FIRE?!
WHO SCRATCHED ME? MY CLOTHES ARE RUINED!

YOU...
That's enough!
Get out of here!
You!
Take this fat headed big eared dude out the door!
Xiao É...!
And all of you if you're not gonna eat or stay the night... Then get out of here!
Move fast ~

SIGH~
XIAO LU, ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE.
SHE LOOKS HURT...
I'M STUPID! I'M A BIG STUPID IDIOT! AN IDIOT WHO LOVES TO CRY! THERE ARE NO HEAVEN'S WALKERS!
THERE ARE ONLY IDIOTS! IDIOTS...
I CAN TELL THAT SHE'S VERY HURT...

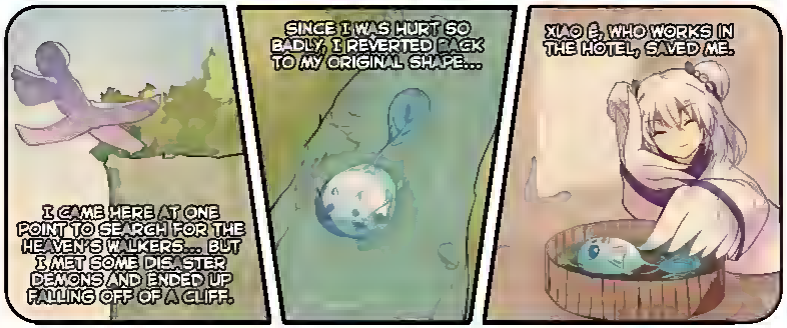
AFTER HEARING ABOUT SOME RANDOM INFORMATION, I DECIDED TO RUN AWAY. I TROUBLED LOTS OF PEOPLE IN DOING SO. AND I MAY NOT EVEN FIND THE HEAVEN'S WALKERS...
NO... YOU WILL.
MOM SAID THAT IF YOU HAVE HOPE, YOU WILL SURELY SUCCEED. SINCE YOU MET ME, THEN I'M SURE THAT YOU CAN MEET MY FATHER AS WELL.
XIAO LU...
THANK YOU!
WAIT... YOUR FATHER?
YEAH!


YOUR FATHER IS A HEAVEN'S WALKER?!
YEP~ BUT HE ISN'T ON THE MOUNTAIN ANYMORE.
WE ARE SEARCHING FOR HIM...
YEAH, PRINCESS YAO~
YOU WON'T TELL ANYONE THAT XIAO LU'S FATHER IS A HEAVEN'S WALKER, RIGHT...?
AH... OF COURSE!
SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A MURDEROUS INTENT COMING FROM HIM...!
XIAO LU, YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL. DON'T JUST RANDOMLY TELL PEOPLE WHO YOU ARE~
I KNOW.

RIGHT, WOULD YOU TWO LIKE TO GO OUTSIDE FOR LUNCH?
HUH...?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHERE ARE ALL THESE HEART SHAPED BUBBLES COMING FROM?!
SORRY...
AH! IT'S THAT MAN!
ARE YOU FIGURING OUT A NEW WAY TO PROPOSE?
YEP...
SO CUTE~
THANK YOU!

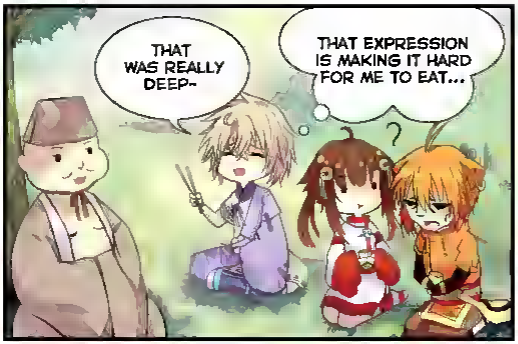
IF ONLY XIAO Ê LIKED ME BACK...
SLAP!
SLAP!
SLAP!
THIS IS MY REPLY.
XIAO Ê!
THIS IS...?
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND. THIS IS FOOD FROM THE BOSS.
YOU MUST BE TIRED AFTER PRACTICING ALL THOSE WATER SPELLS... EAT.
XIAO Ê~
LOOKS LIKE THOSE TWO HAVE A COMPLEX RELATIONSHIP...

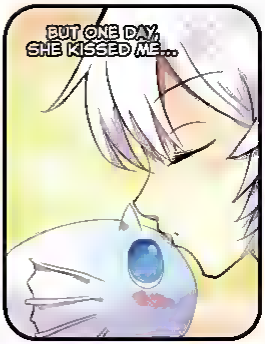
BROTHER, WHAT KIND OF STORY DO THE TWO OF YOU SHARE-
COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME?


I CAME HERE AT ONE POINT TO SEARCH FOR THE HEAVEN'S WALKERS... BUT I MET SOME DISASTER DEMONS AND ENDED UP FALLING OFF OF A CLIFF.
SINCE I WAS HURT SO BADLY, I REVERTED BACK TO MY ORIGINAL SHAPE...
XIAO É, WHO WORKS IN THE HOTEL, SAVED ME.

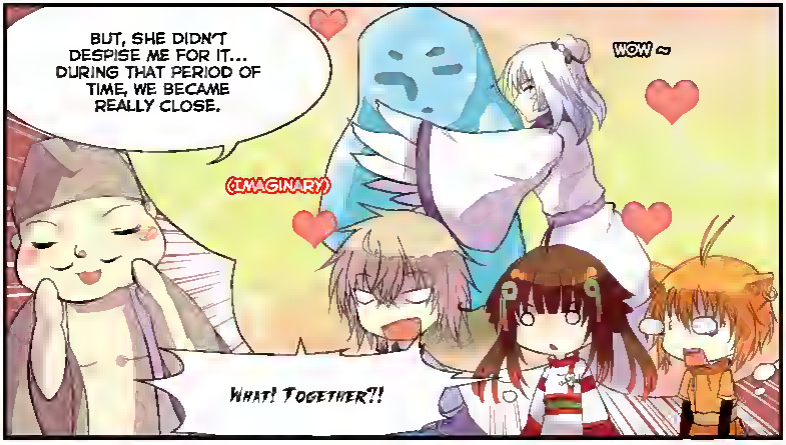
SHE HELPED ME HEAL MY WOUNDS, AND EVEN DANCED FOR ME.
SHE WOULD TELL ME HER SECRETS...

EVERYDAY...
THAT...


THAT WAS REALLY DEEP~
THAT EXPRESSION IS MAKING IT HARD FOR ME TO EAT...


BUT ONE DAY, SHE KISSED ME...

I TRANSFORMED BACK TO MY DEMON FORM AND SCARED HER.
(IMAGINARY)
KYA!


BUT, SHE DIDN'T DESPISE ME FOR IT... DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME, WE BECAME REALLY CLOSE.
(IMAGINARY)
WOW ~
WHAT! TOGETHER?!

BUT...
DID YOU HEAR? THAT PIG-LIKE CUSTOMER AND THE SWAN GIRL... SHE ACTUALLY FELL IN LOVE WITH AN AMPHIBIAN!
WHAT... AN AMPHIBIAN?!
YEAH. A FROG HAS TAKEN THE FLOWER!
I WASN'T A GOOD MATCH FOR HER...
I'M ALSO BASHED AT IN THE AMPHIBIAN GROUP.
I CAN'T EVEN TRANSFORM INTO MY HUMAN FORM YET.
SO, HOW AM I WORTHY OF HER?

WELL, IT'S NOT THAT IT HASN'T HAPPENED BEFORE.
MANY TIMES IN HISTORY, A FROG HAS WANTED TO EAT A BIT OF A SWAN'S MEAT..
BUT THOSE STORIES USUALLY END UP WITH SOME HERO KILLING THE FROG-
HUH...?
I'LL SOLVE ALL THESE PROBLEMS!
I'LL WORK HARD DAY AND NIGHT!
I'LL FIGURE OUT HOW TO SHIFT INTO A HUMAN!
NICE DETERMINATION!
WHY...
DO YOU HAVE TO BE IN HUMAN FORM?

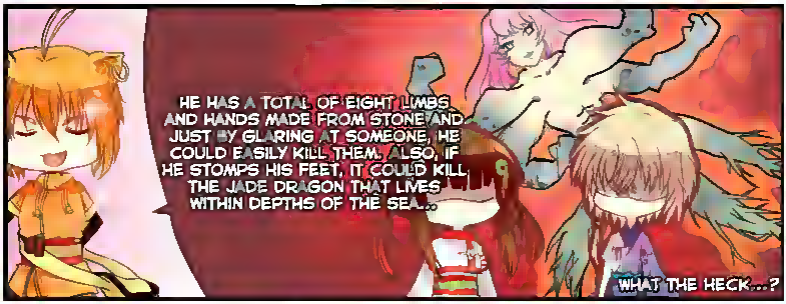
WELL...
I'LL TEACH YOU~ WE ALL HAVE AN ORIGINAL FORM, A DEMON FORM, AND A HUMAN FORM.
(DEMON FORM)
SHIFTS INTO
SHIFTS INTO
(ORIGINAL FORM)
(HUMANS FORM)
I AM CURRENTLY IN MY HUMAN FORM.
A FAILED HUMAN FORM~
PLUS, IF YOU CAN'T BECOME A HUMAN, DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT HAVING KIDS WITH XIAO É.
YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT'S WHY I'M PRACTISING...
BUT AFTER I CAME BACK FROM PRACTICE, SHE BECAME REALLY UNHAPPY.
I'VE ALREADY TRIED LOTS OF DIFFERENT THINGS TO MAKE HER HAPPY, BUT SHE'S ALWAYS SLIPPING AWAY...
WHY IS IT LIKE THIS?!

DON'T BE DISCOURAGED ...
MR. AMPHIBIAN, YOU'RE THE PERSON WHO HAS THE BEST HUMAN FORM OUT OF ALL THE AMPHIBIANS, NO, DEMONS THAT I'VE EVER MET.
NO MATTER FROM WHICH ANGLES YOU LOOK AT, YOU'RE (STILL A FAT-HEADED, BIG-EARED) HUMAN.
BUT WE STILL HAVE A PROBLEM...
YOU DON'T POSSESS ANY BEAUTY!
BEAUTY...? WHAT'S THAT?
CRASH!
IT MEANS THAT YOU'RE PRETTY! CAN'T YOU TELL BEAUTY FROM UGLINESS?!

TO BE HONEST, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PERSON IN THIS WORLD IS MISS XIAO E
IN LOVE
ALL THE PEOPLE IN MY TRIBE SAYS THAT I'M UGLY...
MOM NEVER TOLD ME WHETHER OR NOT I WAS PRETTY IN ONE PARTICULAR FORM...
STUCK IN THE MIDDLE OF A MOUNTAIN.
BUT I KNOW THAT A FLOWER IS BEAUTIFUL.
WELL... XIAO LU, DO YOU THINK THAT HE'S MORE BEAUTIFUL, OR AM I?
SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER SUCH AN EASY QUESTION...
STARE
ABOUT THE SAME...
SO IN XIAO LU'S EYES, I'M NO DIFFERENT THAN AN AMPHIBIAN!..
HOW HURTFUL!

ANYWAYS, XIAO LU...
JUST USE YOUR MOM AS A BASIS TO DETERMINE THE BEAUTY OF A WOMAN. CONSIDER HER AS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL.
THEN, USE YOUR FATHER TO DETERMINE...
BUT...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT MY FATHER LOOKS LIKE. MOM ONLY SAID THAT HE WAS REALLY HANDSOME AND STRONG.
SO, I CAN'T IMAGINE IT...
I KNOW~
THERE ARE STORIES IN MY TRIBE ABOUT A HEAVEN'S WALKER!

HE ALWAYS HAD GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE TIGER TRIBE, AND HAS SAVED MANY OF MY ANCESTORS. ALL OF THOSE THAT HE HAS EVER SAVED DESCRIBED HIM AS ONE WITH A MOST SHOCKING APPEARANCE.

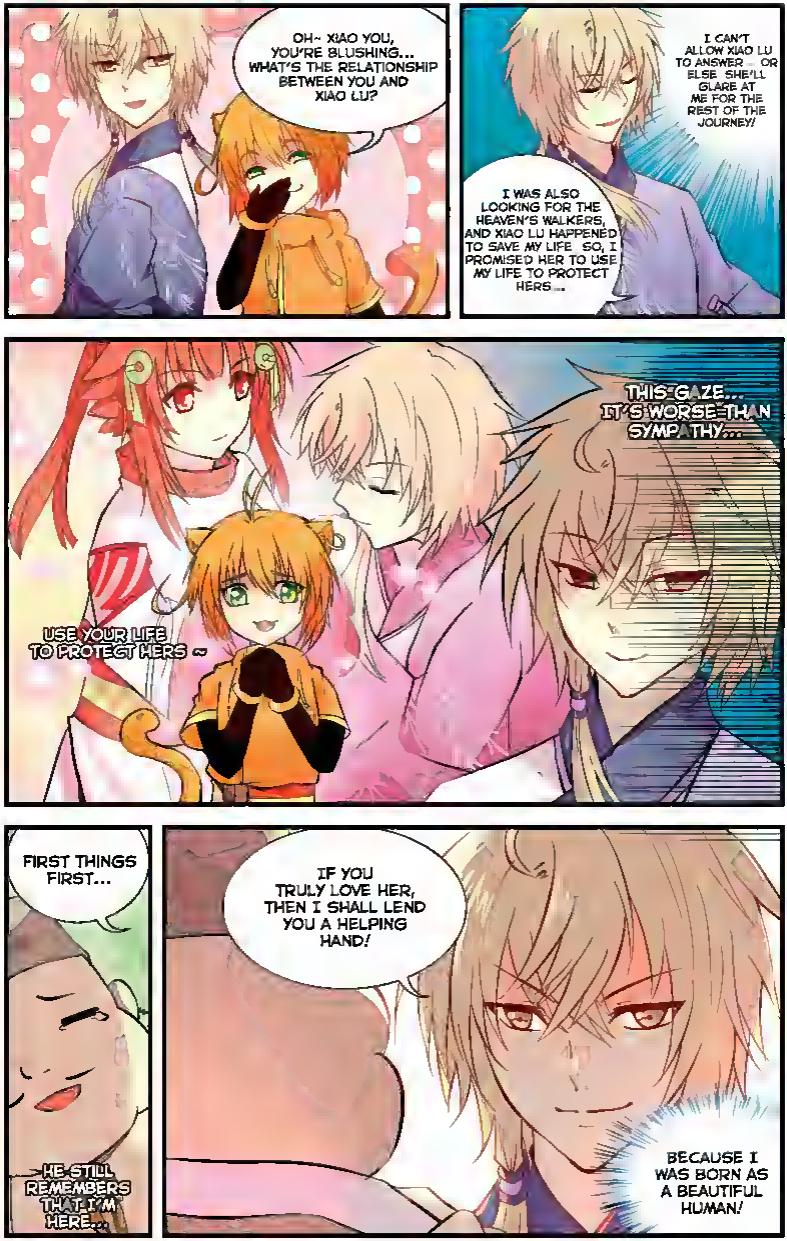

HE HAS A TOTAL OF EIGHT LIMBS AND HANDS MADE FROM STONE AND JUST BY GLARING AT SOMEONE, HE COULD EASILY KILL THEM. ALSO, IF HE STOMPS HIS FEET, IT COULD KILL THE JADE DRAGON THAT LIVES WITHIN DEPTHS OF THE SEA...
WHAT THE HECK...?

XIAO LU, JUST USE YOUR MOM AS REFERENCE.
OKAY.

IN THAT CASE...

YOU'RE VERY BEAUTIFUL.

THANK YOU...


OH~ XIAO YOU, YOU'RE BLUSHING... WHAT'S THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU AND XIAO LU?
I CAN'T ALLOW XIAO LU TO ANSWER... OR ELSE SHE'LL GLARE AT ME FOR THE REST OF THE JOURNEY!
I WAS ALSO LOOKING FOR THE HEAVEN'S WALKERS, AND XIAO LU HAPPENED TO SAVE MY LIFE. SO, I PROMISED HER TO USE MY LIFE TO PROTECT HERS...
THIS GAZE... IT'S WORSE THAN SYMPATHY...
USE YOUR LIFE TO PROTECT HERS ~
FIRST THINGS FIRST...
HE STILL REMEMBERS THAT I'M HERE...
IF YOU TRULY LOVE HER, THEN I SHALL LEND YOU A HELPING HAND!
BECAUSE I WAS BORN AS A BEAUTIFUL HUMAN!

STRANGE ...
WHY DIDN'T HE DEMAND A PAYMENT?
OH YEAH, HE...
WHEN HE WAS GOING TO HELP ME LEAVE...
HE DIDN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING IN RETURN.
WHAT A KIND PERSON~
XIAO LU, YOUR EYES SURE ARE SHARP...!
LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TWO GREAT COMPANIONS ON THIS JOURNEY~
WE'LL HELP TOO!
OKAY~
LET'S START!